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Rosenwald Community Advisory Board

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 6:00pm
Mary C. Jenkins Community Center

Members Present:	Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, Council Member Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Board Member Gary Daniel, Council Member Victor Foster, MCJCC Board Member Edith Darity, MCJCC Board Member Ella Jones, Citizen Member Mayor Maureen Copelof, Ex-Officio Member
Staff Present:	Wilson Hooper, City Manager Tyree Griffin, Community Center Director
Guests:	Karen Darity, Citizen

A. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Co-Chair Randy Lytle called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B. Invocation

An invocation was given by Victor Foster.

C. Certification of Quorum

Community Center Director certified a quorum.

D. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Daniel moved to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Holder. All voted in favor.

E. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Holder made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting and the meeting notes from the March 20, 2025 meeting, and this was seconded by Mr. Foster. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Revaluation Information

Mr. Hooper provided an overview of the Transylvania County revaluation process and impacts on the county and city citizens. He noted that he felt that the revaluation process was managed professionally. Mr. Hooper shared that staff's analysis revealed that homes within the Rosenwald Community could expect to see a 10-15% increase in values and subsequent property tax bills and reminded everyone that they could appeal the values by contacting the County Tax Department. He provided information as follows to assist those who wished to appeal their property valuation:

- Appeals can be made before May 27, 2025 at 10:00am
- If eligible, those appealing can complete the AV-9 application form for property tax relief that includes the following:
    - Elderly or Disabled Exclusion (G.S. 105-277.1)
    - Disabled Veteran Exclusion (G.S. 105-277.1C)
    - Circuit Breaker Tax Deferment Program (G.S. 105-277.1B)

Mr. Hooper provided a copy of the appeal form and encouraged those in attendance to review the County's Tax Administration website for more information.

Mr. Lytle questioned city and county tax were collected separately. Mr. Hooper led the discussion among the committee members explaining that it is most beneficial to the city to collect their own taxes to save city tax dollars. Mr. Daniel made the point that he felt that tax revaluation process in general is flawed because the process seems too bureaucratic in nature. Mr. Hooper noted that this agenda item will remain on the agenda for the next meeting of the Board to provide additional updates.

G. Juneteenth Update

Mr. Griffin provided extensive information about upcoming activities to celebrate Juneteenth in Brevard. He noted that there will be a Juneteenth Family Festival beginning on June 21, 2025, with a street closure between Hillview Street and Mills Avenue. He noted that the Mills Avenue closure is necessary because individuals will be crossing the road between the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center and Silversteen Park. He provided a festival map showing locations for music, food vendors, non-food vendors, and parking.

Mr. Griffin noted that the event will begin at 1:00pm on June 21, 2025 and continue until 6:00pm, with the only activities extending beyond 6:00pm to be music. The music provided is expected to reflect the rich cultural heritage of African Americans and celebrate their contributions to music across all genres, including blues, jazz, R&B, gospel, afrobeat, and reggae.

Mr. Griffin stated that the Juneteenth festivities will culminate with a joint worship service on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 10:45 in collaboration by Bethel A Baptist Church, Glade Creek Baptist Church, and New French Broad Baptist Church and that food will be provided by the churches. He noted that tents and tables and chairs will be set up to accommodate attendees.

H. Set Date for Next Meeting

With the next regular meeting of the Board previously scheduled for June 19 and this being the Juneteenth holiday, the Board decided to hold the next meeting on August 21, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Mary C. Jenkins Community Center.

I. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Lytle made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Daniel. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Minutes Approved: 8/21/2025

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Pamela Holder, Co-Chair, City Council Member
Randy Lytle, Co-Chair, MCJCC Member

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Selena D. Coffey
Assistant to the City Manager